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AMEMBASSY VIENNA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 2500

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, SW, SP

SUBJECT: NEW SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO MADRID

1. THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT AMBASSADOR LENNART PETRI WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM VIENNA TO MADRID. BIO DATA IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. PETRI WAS BORN ON MAY 19, 1914 AND RECEIVED A LAW DEGREE IN 1938. HE JOINED THE MFA IN 1938 AND SERVED HIS FIRST TOUR ABROAD IN MADRID (1939-41). AFTER THAT HE SERVED IN WASHINGTON, BUENOS AIRES AND LIMA, RETURNING TO THE MFA IN 1946. FROM 1949-55 HE WAS IN PARIS, AND FROM 1955-58 HE SERVED IN MOSCOW. IN 1958 PETRI WAS ASSIGNED AS CHARGE' EN PIED TO RABAT AND TUNIS, AND WAS ACCORDED AMBASSADORIAL STATUS IN 1959. IN 1963 HE WAS ASSIGNED AS AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, AND WAS ALSO ACCREDITED TO PHNOM PENH IN 1965. IN 1969 HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO HIS PRESENT POST IN VIENNA.

3. PETRI HAS WIFE, CARIN, WHOM HE MARRIED IN 1949.

4. COMMENT: THERE ARE MIXED ASSESSMENTS OF PETRI. AS SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, PETRI HAD CONTACT WITH TOP LEADERS IN HANOI AND APPARENTLY WAS A KEY LINK BETWEEN THE VIETNAMESE AND THE SWEDES. EMBASSY ASSESSMENT AT
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THE TIME OF HIS APPOINTMENT TO VIENNA DESCRIBED HIM AS

A "COMPULSIVE TALKER WHO SEEMS TO DISPENSE A LARGE
AMOUNT OF FROTH ALONG WITH THE SUBSTANCE." BUT
OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE A
"REALISTIC AND ASSIDUOUS OBSERVER," TO QUOTE EMBASSY
FILES. PETRI IS REPUTED TO BE FLUENT IN RUSSIAN,
SPANISH, FRENCH, ENGLISH AND GERMAN.
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